

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and is an abuse of the public trust.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Even worse, large companies like Sinclair that have a particular political point of view are emboldened to masquerade their own partisan views as objective news.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. When corporations like Sinclair abuse the public trust, the FCC should take action, both to stop the abuse at the time and during license renewal process. Thank you.